Standing sheep

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) long, 4 in (10 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Eleven pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge
20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: oat cream, the main color	**about 185 yd (169 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: charcoal gray, leg, head and ear	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and two black plastic eyes with washers, 8 mm.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together, through the front loops only: how is under “Before you start” (UK dc2tog, double cro
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert hook in the stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same stitch, yarn over, pull through all 5 loops (United Kingdom: a bobble of 4 trebles). Push it out to the right side. It leaves 1 st for the next round.

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Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up.
- Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a line begins "With A," (or another letter), work the last pull-through of the round before it in A. Cut the old yarn and knot the ends on the wrong side.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Head: the center line runs between stitches 15 and 16 of round 11 (30 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Body: the center line runs between stitches 27 and 28 of round 12 (54 sts). This piece lies with its center line along the top, round 1 at the front end.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in black yarn (about 2 yd (2 m), 2 m, not in the list above).
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 4¾ in (12 cm) long, 3 in (7.6 cm) across and 4¾ in (12 cm) tall; eyes 6 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9 in (23 cm) long, 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across and 9 in (23 cm) tall; eyes 11 mm; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long, 7¼ in (18.5 cm) across and 11¼ in (28.5 cm) tall; eyes 15 mm; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Body

Yarn A, oat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 4 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 8 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next 6 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**, sc in next 6 sts	**(36 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in next 8 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 16 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(48 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(54 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(54 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(54 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(54 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Sc in each st around	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Sc in next 9 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 18 times**, sc in next 9 sts	**(54 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	Sc in next 8 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 16 times**, sc in next 8 sts	**(48 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	Sc in next 7 sts, **[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 14 times**, sc in next 7 sts	**(42 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	Sc in next 5 sts, **[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 10 times**, sc in next 5 sts	**(30 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Stuff firmly now, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 30**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 31**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 32**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside. The bobbles lie over the back and the sides; the plain stitches at both ends of the rounds are the underside, where the legs go.	

Leg: make 4

Yarn B, charcoal gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc2tog, sc in next 12 sts	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 8 to 10**	Sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**

A box for each round, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Neck

Yarn A, oat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff firmly up to the open edge.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: B, charcoal gray; A, oat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 2 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(26 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 2 times**	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	With A, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 2 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 15 times**	**(30 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 15 times**	**(30 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Finishing). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 16**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

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Ear: make 2

Yarn B, charcoal gray.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sc in each st around	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Topknot

Yarn A, oat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 6 times**	**(12 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 9 times**	**(18 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 22 in (56 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff very lightly and press it low: it is a cap of wool about 5/8 in (16 mm) high, not a ball.	

Tail

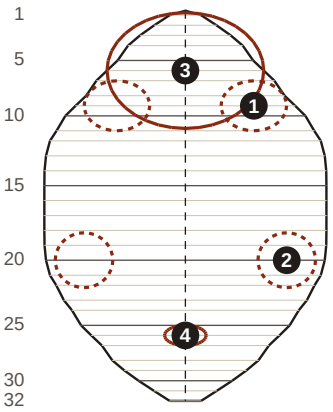
Yarn A, oat cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, bobble in next st**] 5 times**	**(10 sts)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**bobble in next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(10 sts)**

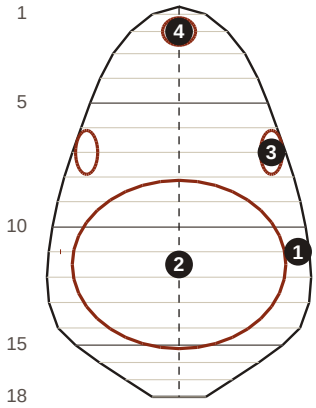
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☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Assembly



Body: 1 legs, 2 legs, 3 neck, 4 tail



Head: 1 ears, 2 topknot, 3 eyes, 4 nose

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 9, one to each side, 16½ stitches from the center line (9 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 7 to 11 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft. Pin the legs of step 2 too before you sew any of the four, and move the pins a little until the toy stands level on all four feet.

2. Pin two legs to the body: the middle of each open edge lies on round 20, one to each side, 20 stitches from the center line (14 stitches apart across the side opposite the center line). The edge (16 sts) covers about rounds 18 to 22 of the body. They point down. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

3. Pin the neck to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 6, on the center line. The edge (30 sts) covers about rounds 1 to 11 of the body. It points up and forward. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

4. Set the head on the top of the neck, its center line on top and round 1 (the nose) to the front: round 12 of the head, on the line opposite the center line, lies over the middle of round 1 of the neck. Let the nose slant down about 30 degrees from level and turn it about 25 degrees to the left. Press the head down on the neck until round 5 of the neck (24 sts) touches it all the way round. On the head this circle reaches from about round 8 to about round 16 on the line opposite the center line, and about 4 stitches to each side of that line. With a new length of A (oat cream), sew round the circle twice, through the stitches of round 5 of the neck and the head.

5. Pin the two ears to the head: the middle of each flat edge lies on round 11, one to each side, 7½ stitches from the center line (15 stitches apart). The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. They point out to the side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

6. Pin the topknot to the head: the middle of the open edge lies between rounds 11 and 12, on the center line. The edge (24 sts) covers about rounds 8 to 15 of the head. It points forward and up. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

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7. Pin the tail to the body: the middle of the open edge lies on round 26, on the center line. The edge (8 sts) covers about rounds 25 to 27 of the body. It points back, then curves until its tip points down. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up as far as they will go. Sew all the way round with its tail of yarn, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Eyes: two 8 mm black plastic eyes, on the head on round 7, one to each side, 4 stitches from the center line (8 stitches apart). Round each eye, work a ring of small straight stitches in A (oat cream).
- Nose: with C (rose), in satin stitch, a triangle with its point down about ¼ in (6 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the head on round 2, on the center line. The wide edge of the triangle is toward the top of the head and its point toward the middle of round 1.
- Mouth: with C (rose), in backstitch, a short straight line down, half the height, and just under it one smile curve, about 5/16 in (8 mm) wide and ¼ in (6 mm) tall in all, starting at the bottom of the nose.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 11 pieces; 2,675 stitches (1,200 in the body, 151 in each leg, 189 in the neck, 380 in the head, 67 in each ear, 114 in the topknot, 54 in the tail).

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